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**TURN  
UP THE  
JUICE**

HE CALLS HIMSELF  
PETER PARKER,  
AND HE'S BEEN HAVING  
A REALLY BAAAD WEEK.

IF YOU WANT TO GET  
TECHNICAL, HIS REAL  
PROBLEMS STARTED A  
FEW MONTHS AGO WHEN...

...HIS WIFE BECAME  
PREGNANT.

HIS BELOVED AUNT  
MAY PASSED AWAY.

TESTS PROVED THAT HE  
WAS ACTUALLY THE CLONE  
OF THE ORIGINAL PARKER  
(AND THE REAL SPIDER-MAN.)

AND FINALLY, HE  
LOST HIS OWN  
SPIDER-POWERS.

AND THIS WEEK  
HE ALMOST DIED.

THANKFULLY, HIS NEAR-DEATH  
EXPERIENCE HERALDED THE  
UNEXPECTED RETURN OF HIS  
SPIDER-POWERS -- THOUGH  
THOSE POWERS HAVE PROVEN  
ERRATIC AND UNRELIABLE.

SHWE! YOU CAN EASILY  
IMAGINE THE POOR GUY'S  
RELIEF TO CHECK OUT OF  
THE HOSPITAL AND HEAD  
FOR HOME.

AFTER ALL HE'S SUFFERED,  
HE FIGURES THE WORST  
MUST BE BEHIND HIM.

HE BELIEVES HE'S  
FINALLY SAFE.





MAN, IS HE  
WRONG?

STAN LEE  
PRESENTS  
A TALE OF  
TRAGEDY AND  
TRIUMPH.

# SPIDER-GIRL

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AND STARRING:

**THE AMAZING  
SPIDER-MAN!**

BY ORDER OF  
ONSLAUGHT, THIS  
CITY IS UNDER  
MARTIAL LAW!

ALL MUTANTS AND  
ENHANCED HUMANS  
ARE HEREBY  
COMMANDED TO  
SURRENDER --

-- OR SUFFER  
IMMEDIATE  
TERMINATION!

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GET OUT  
OF THE CAB,  
JAN JARRE!  
WE CAN'T STAY  
HERE!

A GIANT  
SENTINEL IS  
BLOCKING THE  
STREET  
BRIDGE!

W-HO  
OR WHAT IS  
ONSLAUGHT?!

DON'T  
KNOW!  
DON'T  
CARE!

YOUR  
SAFETY IS  
MY ONLY  
CONCERN!

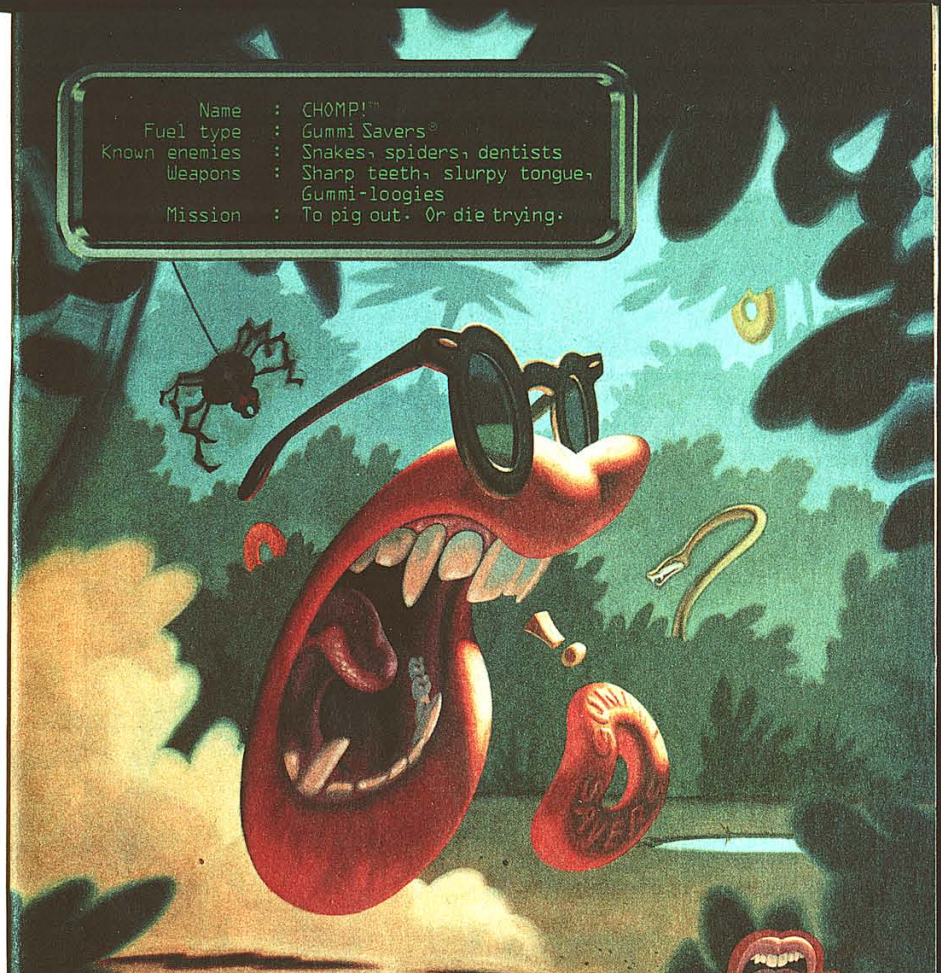
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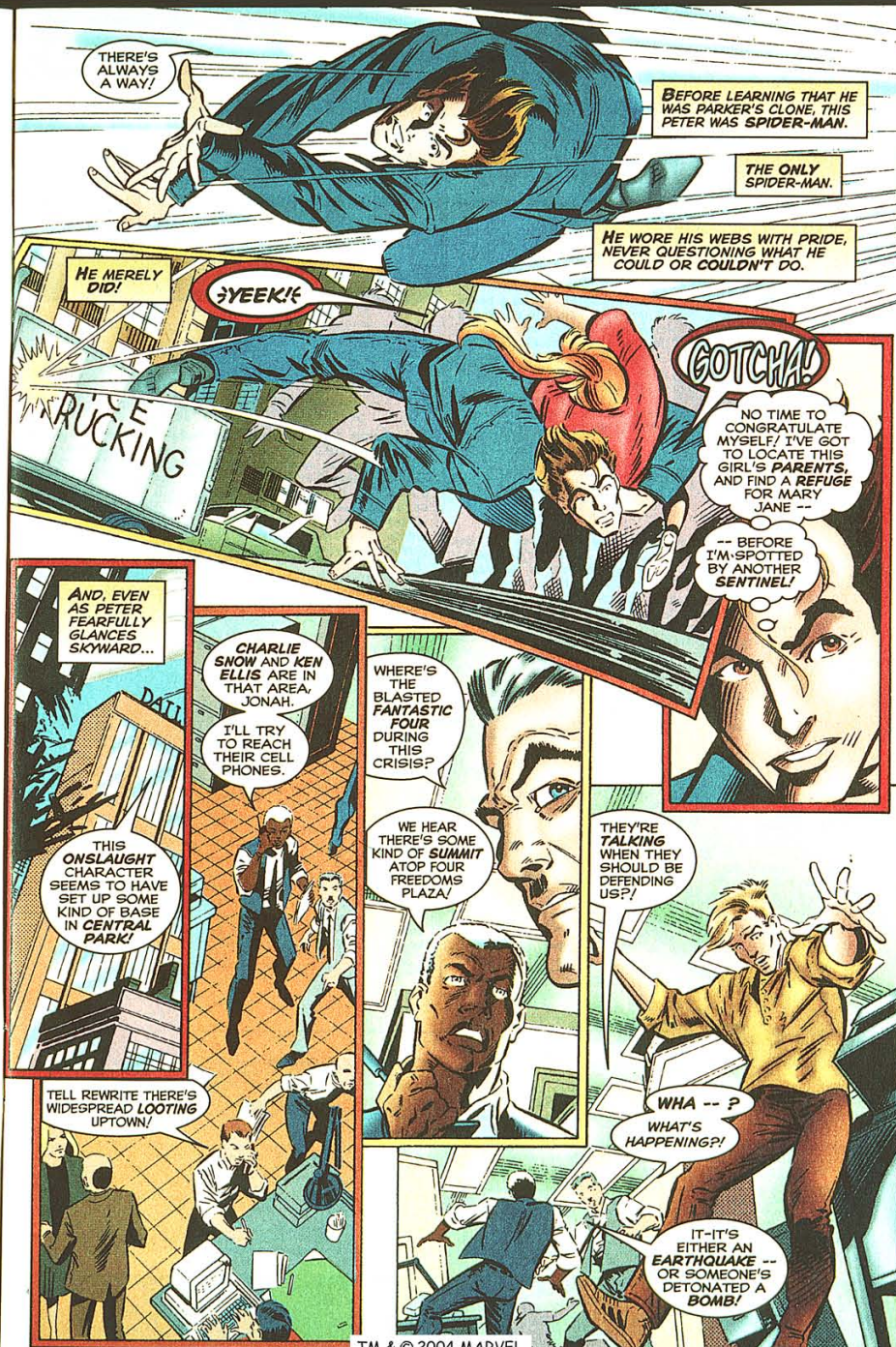
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## IN THE CLUTCHES OF SINISTER



It's a mental meltdown in X-MAN #19 as Nate Grey takes off with Sinister! In this follow-up to X-FORCE #57, Nate finds himself trapped in Sinister's lair! But this time the evil genefist has something for him: control. Sinister offers Nate the ability to control his own mutant powers, the very same powers which Sinister secretly covets! But at what price?

Meanwhile, something keeps distracting Nate...it's Young Franklin Richards, desperate to be free of Onslaught, calling out for help from the astral plane! Can Nate escape Sinister and get to Franklin in time?

You dare not miss this issue which ties in to AVENGERS 402, X-FORCE 58, and X-MEN 56!

## HEY YOU-OUT THERE IN T.V. LAND...

If you think Spider-Man's a swinger on Saturday morning, you won't want to miss THE ADVENTURES OF SPIDER-MAN! Drawn in our ever-popular animation style by artist Alex Saviuk, this is Marvel's only continuity-free Spider-Man title! And that leaves a lot less web delangling for both writer Nel Yomtov and new readers alike!

This month, Peter Parker, photographer, is banished to the society pages! But the ball of the ball turns out to be a real surprise! It's the return of the Puppet Master, and the event is his stepdaughter's art exhibit! There's only one catch-daddy's not a huge fan of his daughter's date, Johnny Storm!

It's flame-throwing action as Johnny Storm, AKA The Human Torch, is attacked

by none other than his good friend...The Thing! Can Spider-Man snap out of the Puppet Master's curse in time to help his friend? Find out in issue #6 of SPIDER-MAN ADVENTURES!



## THE PUNISHER AIN'T NO PATSY

Manhattan. Daytime. Frank Castle looks on as the world collapses around him. There are motionless Sentinels every-

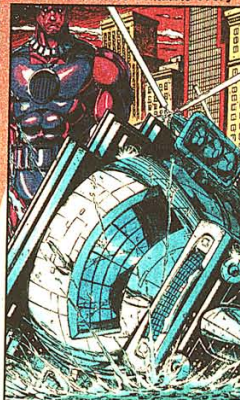
where. Overhead, he can hear the buzzing of the S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier as paratroopers swoop in and out of the stoic giants. Suddenly, a Sentinel springs to life!

It swipes at the Helicarrier, causing enough damage to send it falling from the sky! Frank Castle watches as the giant ship plummets into the Hudson River!

Home to the most technologically advanced weapons in the world, Castle knows the Helicarrier could lend a hand in the battle with Onslaught!

But someone else seems to be interested in those weapons too. Meet Rashid Hammer Jones. The baddest dude this side of PUNISHER #11! He and his boys, the Junkyard Dogs, are looking to score some black market cash...

Will Castle be able to help the unsuspecting government agency that has a serious score to settle with him? Or will the mob-backed Junkyard Dogs get to it first? The answers lie within the pages of PUNISHER #11, brought to you by John Ostrander and Tom Lyle!



### ON SALE NEXT WEEK

**INCREDIBLE HULK #145** As Manhattan buckles under Onslaught, the Hulk must join forces with his former teammates...Earth's Mightiest Heroes, the Avengers! By Peter David and Angel Medina!

**IRON MAN #135** Is the threat of Onslaught too much for Quicksilver, Giant-Man, Black Panther AND Iron Man to handle? Find out as the young Tony Stark uses his high school history lesson on the Trojan War to deliver himself to safety! By Terry Kavanagh and Joe Bennett!

**IRON MAN: THE LEGEND** It's Marvel's 35th Anniversary and, this week, we pay tribute to the one and only Tony Stark with a 48-page spectacular devoted entirely to the life and loves (and costumes and companies, etc.) of the Inevitable Iron Man!

**PUNISHER #11** Frank Castle looks on as the S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier is brought down by Sentinels. Will he help the innocent victims, or won't he? Find out if Castle actually has a heart as the Punisher and S.H.I.E.L.D. attempt to stop Onslaught! By John Ostrander and Tom Lyle!

**WHAT LIES AND** Is Reed Richards a traitor to his country? Did he willingly murder the rest of the Fantastic Four? Find out in this tale from a world not our own! By Ben Raab and Mike Miller!

## WISH LIST

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SO WE WERE HIKING TO THIS REALLY COOL CAMPSITE FOR A BOWL OF CAP'N CRUNCH!!



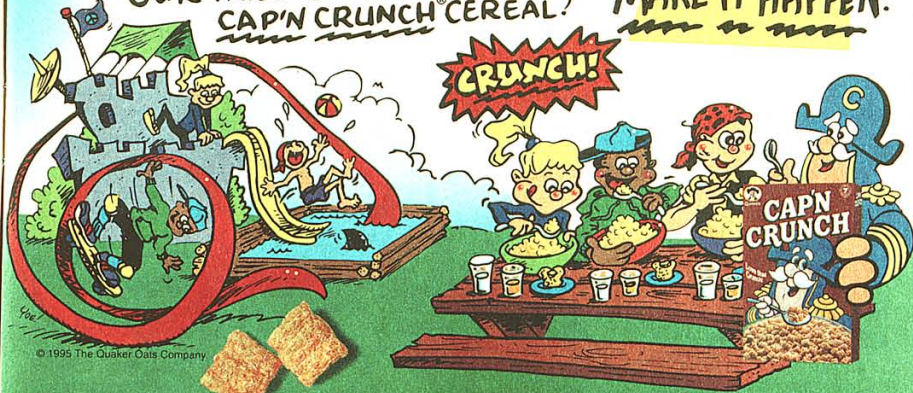
WHEN WE CAME TO THIS WEIRD LOOKING BRIDGE!

THEN THE CAP'N DROPPED IN AND YELLED "JUST THINK OF WHAT YOU WANT AND GO FOR IT!"

THE THOUGHT OF THAT SWEET DELICIOUS CRUNCH GOT US RIGHT OVER THAT BRIDGE!

THAT'S HOW WE GOT TO OUR AWESOME CAMPSITE AND OUR HUGE BOWLS OF CAP'N CRUNCH CEREAL!

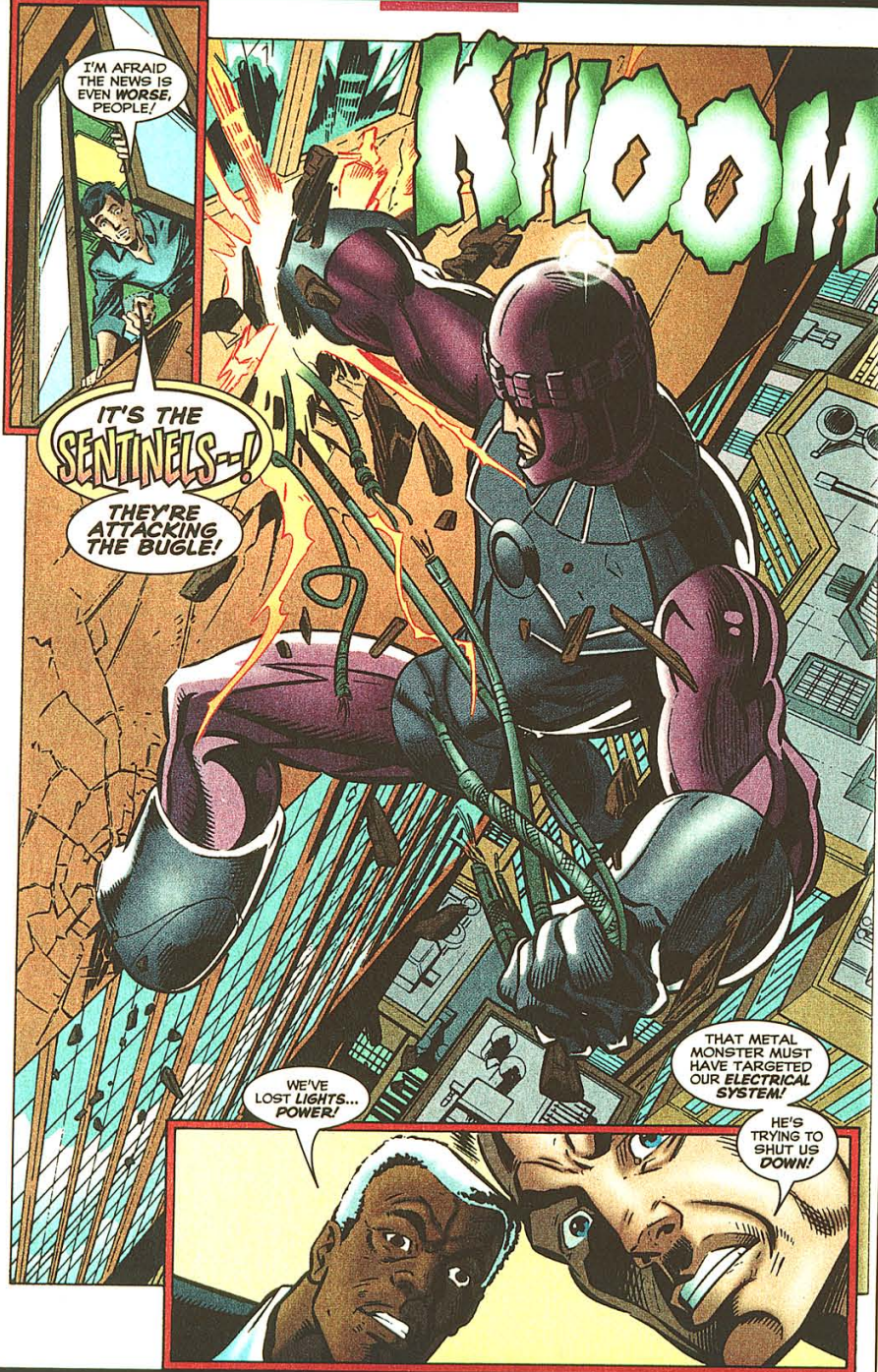
YOU AND THE CAP'N MAKE IT HAPPEN!



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I'M AFRAID THE NEWS IS EVEN WORSE, PEOPLE!

IT'S THE SENTINELS--!

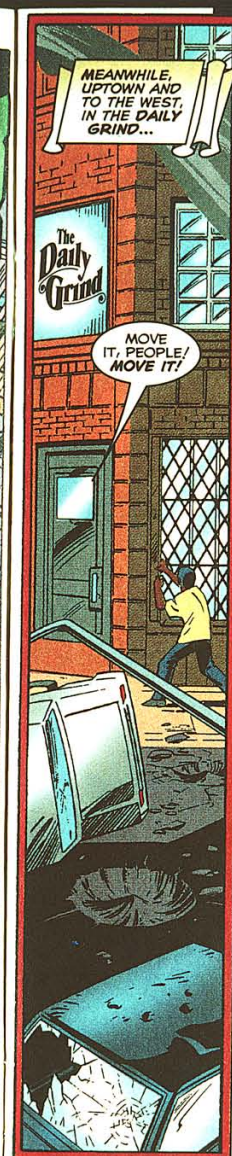
THEY'RE ATTACKING THE BUGLE!

WE'VE LOST LIGHTS... POWER!

THAT METAL MONSTER MUST HAVE TARGETED OUR ELECTRICAL SYSTEM!

HE'S TRYING TO SHUT US DOWN!

KNOOM



MEANWHILE, UPTOWN AND TO THE WEST, IN THE DAILY GRIND...

The Daily Grind

MOVE IT, PEOPLE! MOVE IT!



WE JUST GOT WORD THAT LOOTERS ARE RANSACKING THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

MAYBE WE SHOULD RETURN TO OUR HOMES!

IT'S YOUR CHOICE... BUT I THINK YOU'LL BE SAFER IN MY BASEMENT!



YOU STAYING OR GOING, DESIREE?

I... I CAN'T DECIDE, BEN!

WE'RE NOT IN ANY LESS DANGER HERE!



MAYBE NOT, BUT AT LEAST YOU'RE WITH FRIENDS!

I... I'M SO AFRAID!

WE ALL ARE!



SHIRLEY! I NEED YOU TO LOOK AFTER DESIREE FOR ME!

A-AREN'T YOU COMING?

MOM! MOM! I'VE SECURED THE WINDOWS, BUT SOMEBODY'S GOT TO STAND OUTSIDE TO GATE THE FRONT DOOR!

THAT'S MY JOB, DEVON! YOU JOIN THE OTHERS!

YOU CRAZY, REILLY?! THESE MEAN STREETS AIN'T NO PLACE FOR A WIMP LIKE YOU!



GET YOUR BUTT DOWN THOSE STAIRS, BEN REILLY! YOU HEAR ME?

NO CAN DO, SHIRLEY!



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S'FUNNY, BEING ALL HUDDLED DOWN HERE REMINDS ME OF WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL AT *OUR LADY OF GRACE*.

IT WAS THE *EARLY SIXTIES* AND THE *COLD WAR* WAS ALL ANYBODY EVER TALKED ABOUT.



"EVEN US CHILDREN, WE KNEW WE HAD TO BE PREPARED BECAUSE..."



IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE SOME MANIAC *BOMBED* OUR COUNTRY...

...AND, SPECIFICALLY, OUR SCHOOL!

THEY USED TO HERD US INTO THE HALLWAYS... WHERE WE'D COWER BENEATH OUR COATS...

...AWAITING NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION... LISTENING TO THE EMERGENCY BROADCAST SYSTEM.



YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME, MOM. LIKE A COAT WOULD REALLY PROTECT YOU FROM NUCLEAR FALLOUT.

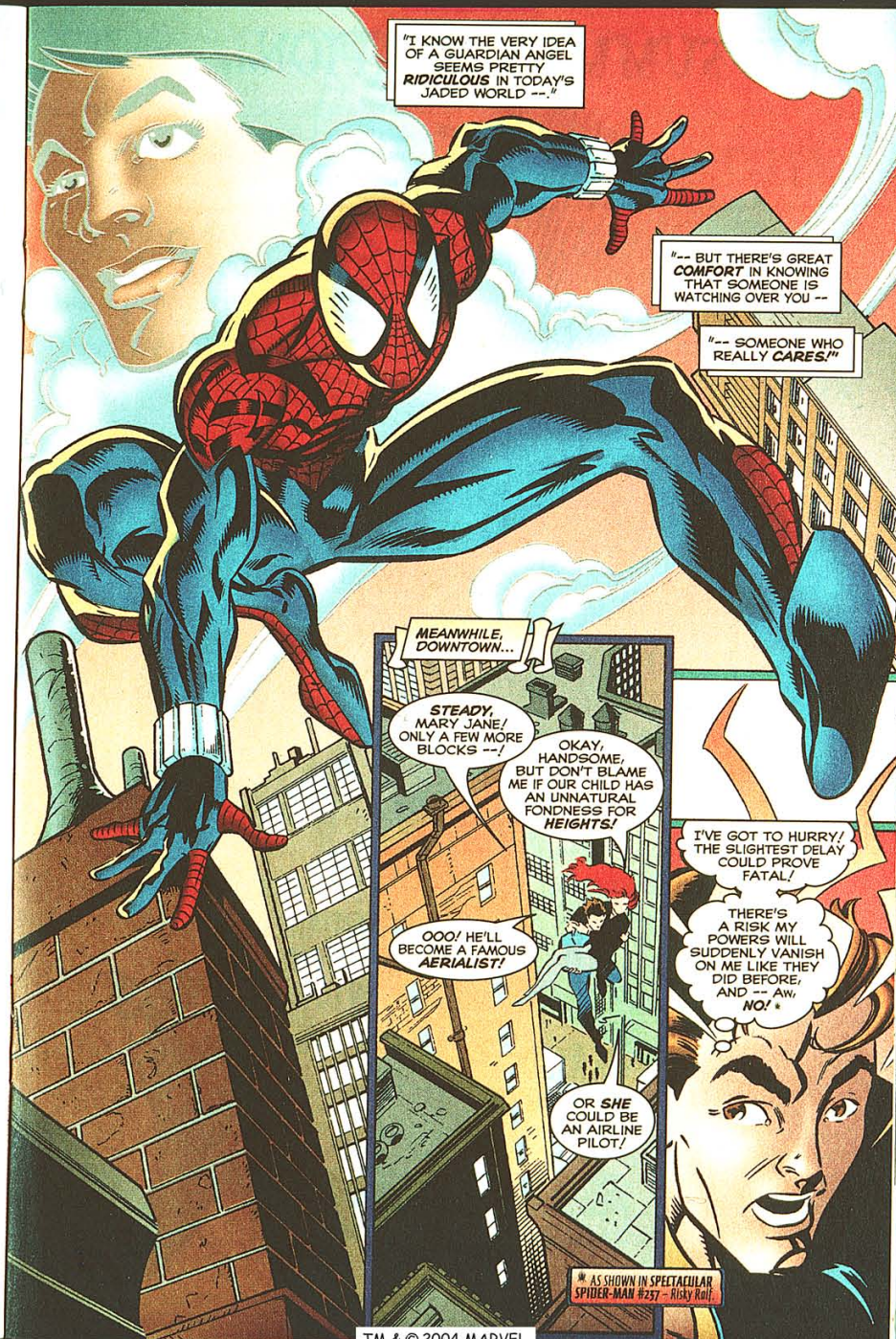
WE WEREN'T ONLY DEPENDING ON COATS. WE ALSO HAD *ANGELS*.

SAY WHAT?!

THEY WERE CALLED *GUARDIAN ANGELS* --



"-- AND THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO KEEP US FROM *HARM*!"



"I KNOW THE VERY IDEA OF A *GUARDIAN ANGEL* SEEMS PRETTY *RIDICULOUS* IN TODAY'S *JADED* WORLD --"

"-- BUT THERE'S GREAT *COMFORT* IN KNOWING THAT SOMEONE IS WATCHING OVER YOU --

"-- SOMEONE WHO REALLY CARES!"

MEANWHILE, DOWNTOWN...

*STEADY, MARY JANE!* ONLY A FEW MORE BLOCKS --!

OKAY, HANDSOME, BUT DON'T BLAME ME IF OUR CHILD HAS AN UNNATURAL FONDNESS FOR HEIGHTS!

OOO! HE'LL BECOME A FAMOUS *AERIALIST*!

OR SHE COULD BE AN AIRLINE PILOT!

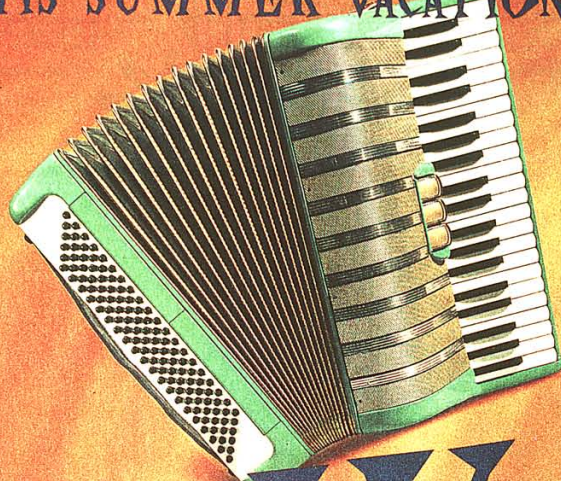
I'VE GOT TO HURRY! THE SLIGHTEST DELAY COULD PROVE FATAL!

THERE'S A RISK MY POWERS WILL SUDDENLY VANISH ON ME LIKE THEY DID BEFORE, AND -- AW, NO!

AS SHOWN IN SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #257 - Risky Roll!



THIS SUMMER VACATION...



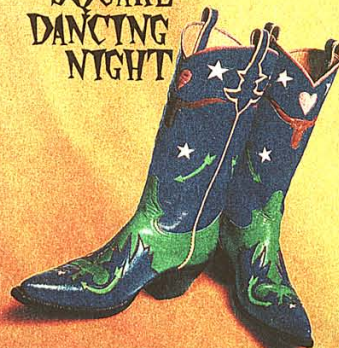
NO  
FAMILY  
TALENT  
SHOW

WE  
SWEAR.



NO ARTS  
AND CRAFTS  
HOUR

NO  
SQUARE  
DANCING  
NIGHT



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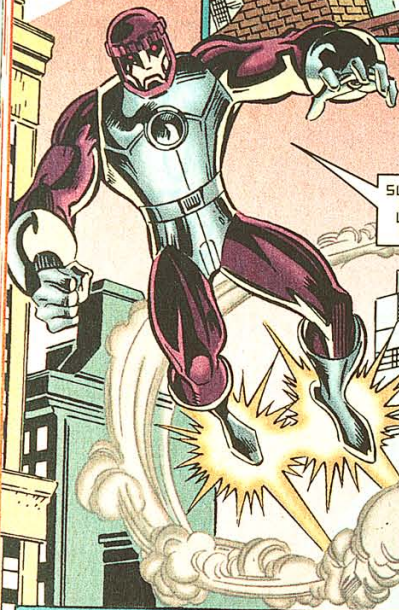
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QUARRY'S PARAHUMAN CAPACITIES INSUFFICIENT TO DETER THIS UNIT.



SURRENDER IS ONLY LOGICAL OPTION.

SURE! I'LL GLADLY FORFEIT MY FREEDOM!

NOT!

GET DOWN, MARY JANE! HE ONLY WANTS ME!

W-WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING --?!



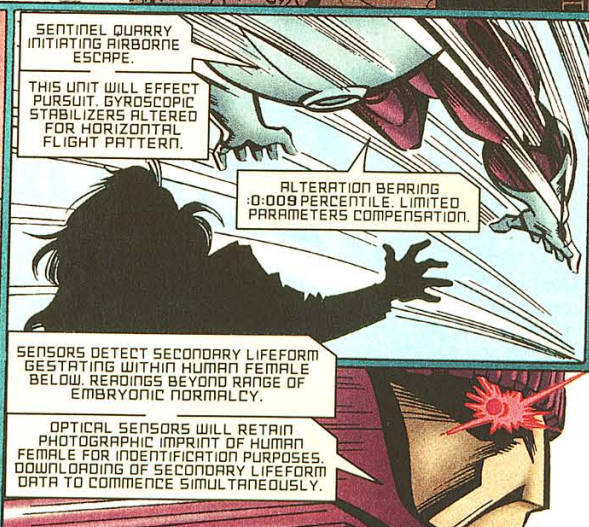
TO LEAD HIM AWAY FROM YOU AND THE BABY!

PETER, NO--!

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

TRY TO MAKE IT TO THE BUGLE, HON!

YOU'LL BE SAFE THERE!



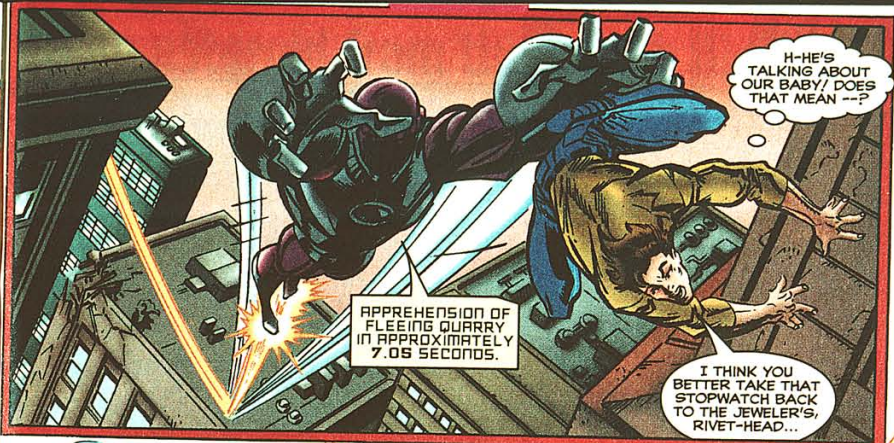
SENTINEL QUARRY INITIATING AIRBORNE ESCAPE.

THIS UNIT WILL EFFECT PURSUIT. GYROSCOPIC STABILIZERS ALTERED FOR HORIZONTAL FLIGHT PATTERN.

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SENSORS DETECT SECONDARY LIFEFORM GESTATING WITHIN HUMAN FEMALE BELOW. READINGS BEYOND RANGE OF EMBRYONIC NORMALCY.

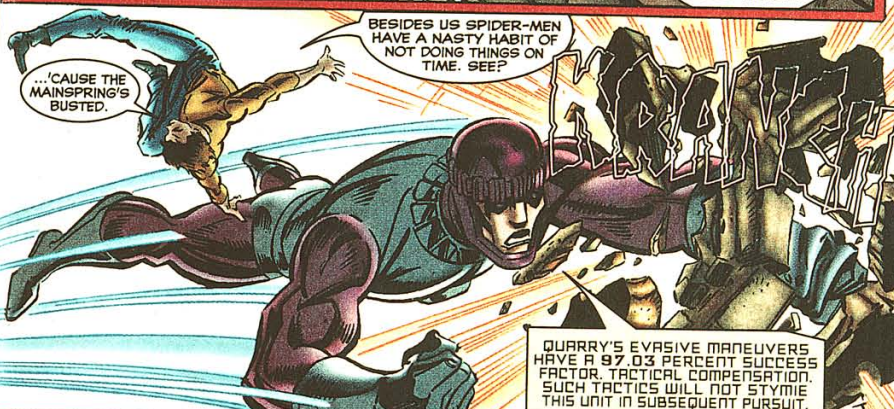
OPTICAL SENSORS WILL RETAIN PHOTOGRAPHIC IMPRINT OF HUMAN FEMALE FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES. DOWNLOADING OF SECONDARY LIFEFORM DATA TO COMMENCE SIMULTANEOUSLY.



H-HE'S TALKING ABOUT OUR BABY? DOES THAT MEAN --?

APPREHENSION OF FLEEING QUARRY IN APPROXIMATELY 7.08 SECONDS.

I THINK YOU BETTER TAKE THAT STOPWATCH BACK TO THE JEWELER'S, RIVET-HEAD...



'CAUSE THE MAINSPRING'S BUSTED.

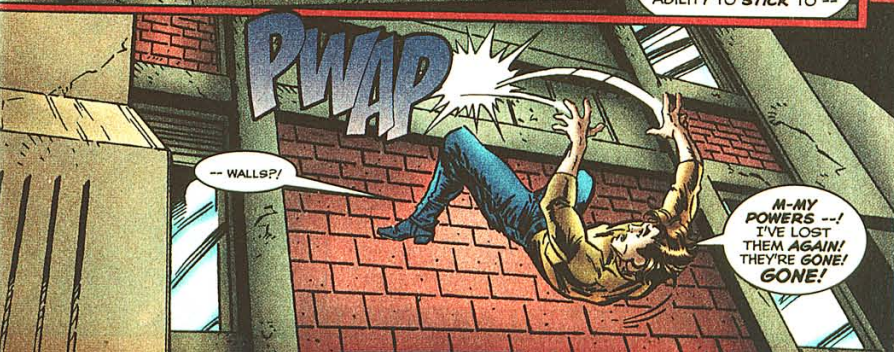
BESIDES US SPIDER-MEN HAVE A NASTY HABIT OF NOT DOING THINGS ON TIME. SEE?

QUARRY'S EVASIVE MANEUVERS HAVE A 97.03 PERCENT SUCCESS FACTOR. TACTICAL COMPENSATION. SUCH TACTICS WILL NOT STYMIE THIS UNIT IN SUBSEQUENT PURSUIT.



YOU MAY HAVE A POINT, BOLT BRAIN! YOU'RE A TIRELESS MACHINE WHO'S ALSO A LIVING ARSENAL --

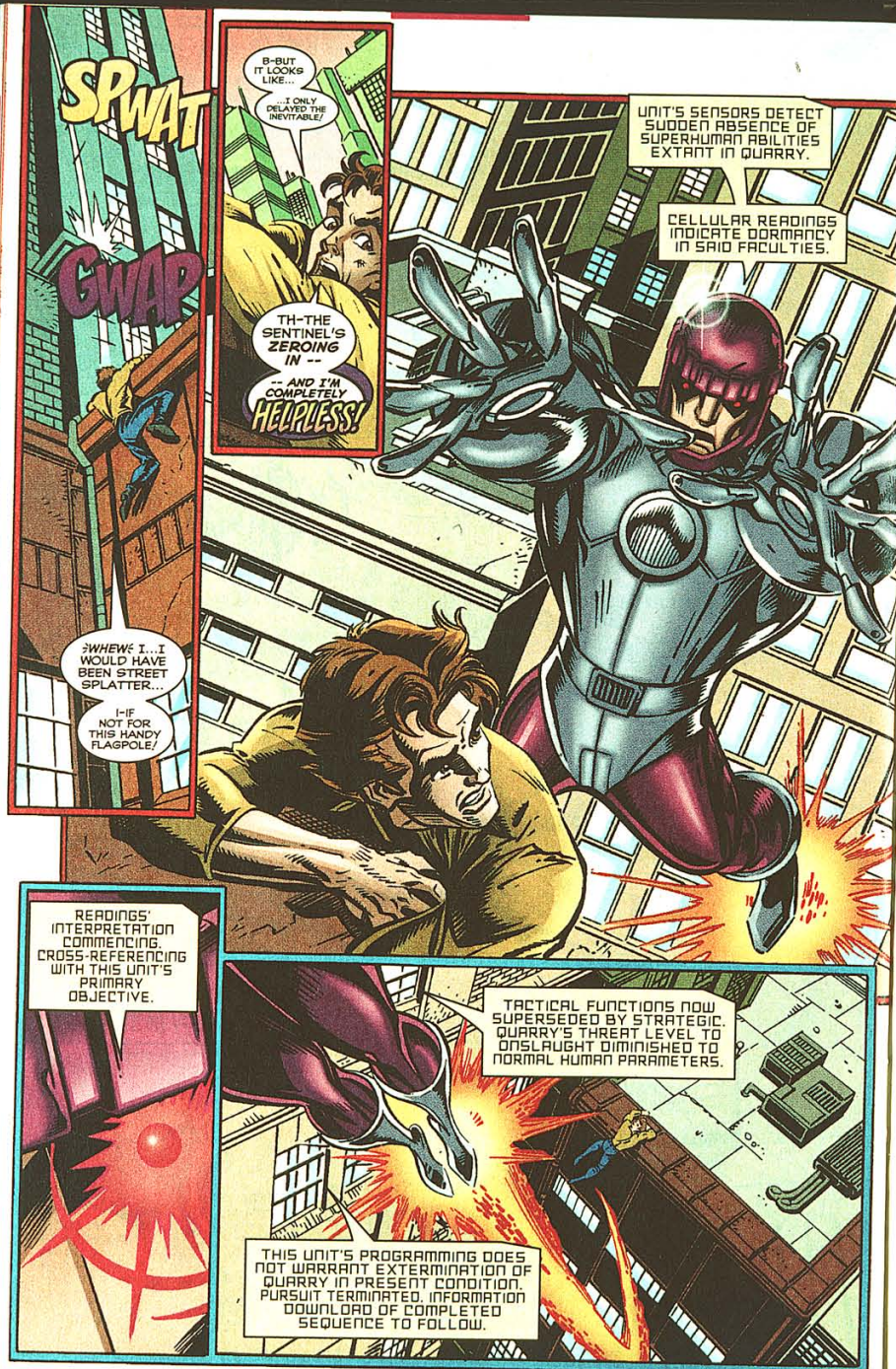
-- WHILE I ONLY HAVE MY RAZOR-SHARP WITS, MY SPIDER-LIKE PROWESS, AND MY EVER-AMAZING ABILITY TO STICK TO --



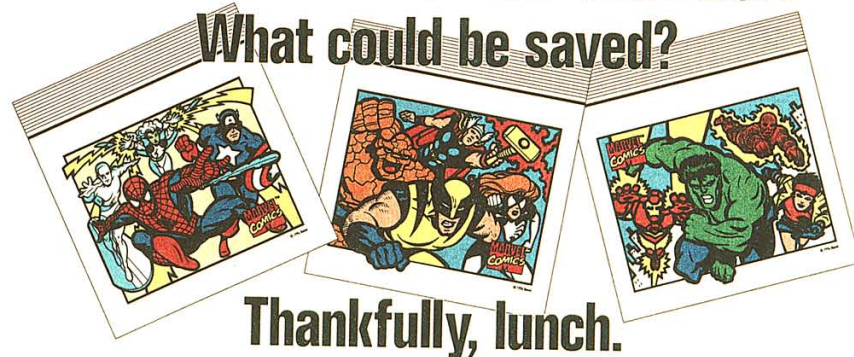
-- WALLS?!

M-MY POWERS --! I'VE LOST THEM AGAIN! THEY'RE GONE! GONE!





An asteroid from the fourth planet from the sun came hurling to earth, spewing fiery flames and rancid, toxic fumes. Sent from an evil alien, the asteroid began oozing slimy, gruelish goo as it morphed into a mutant alien life form, on a mission to annihilate earth with telekinetic powers. Panic surged among the people. Super Heroes gathered. What would be saved? What could be saved?



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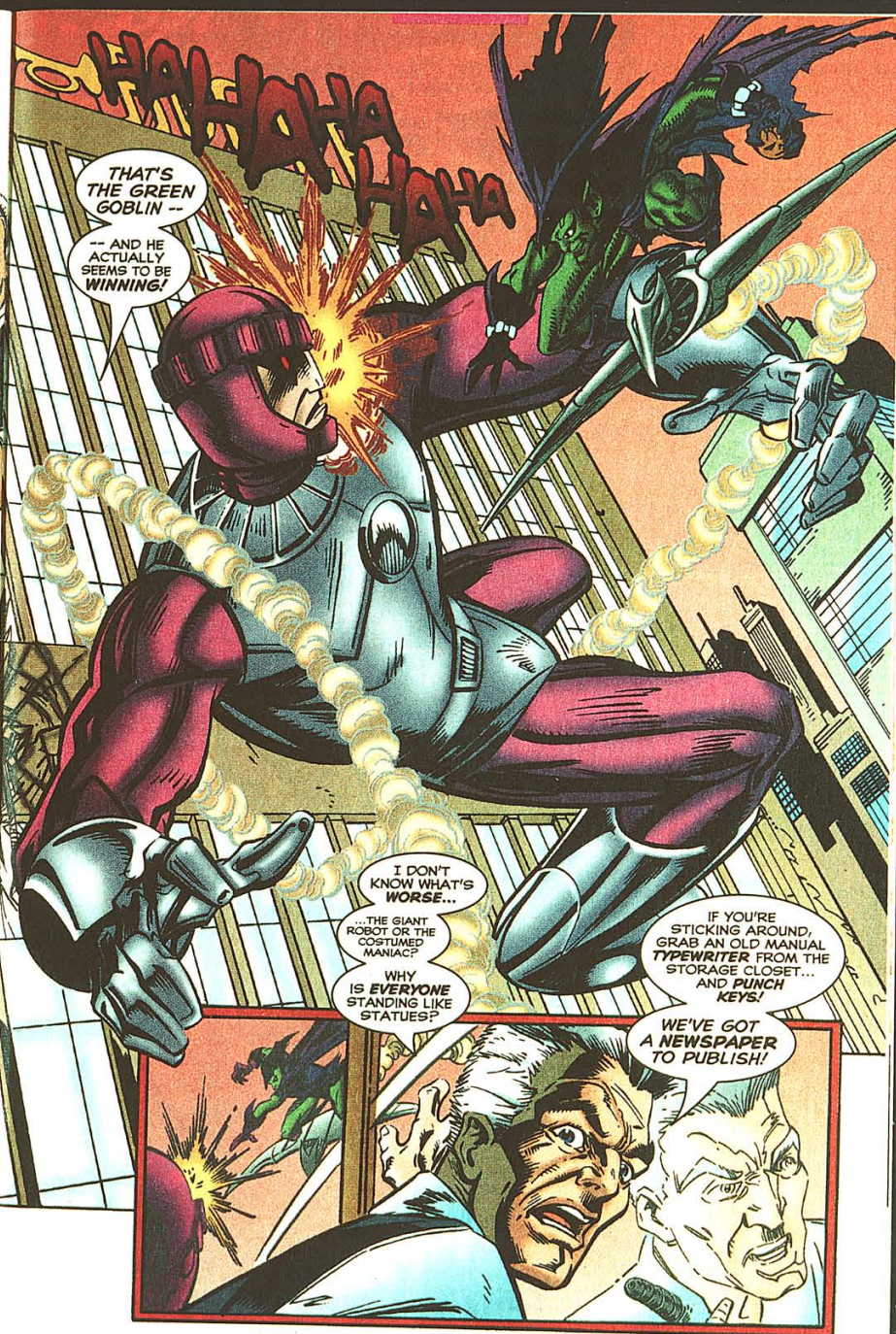
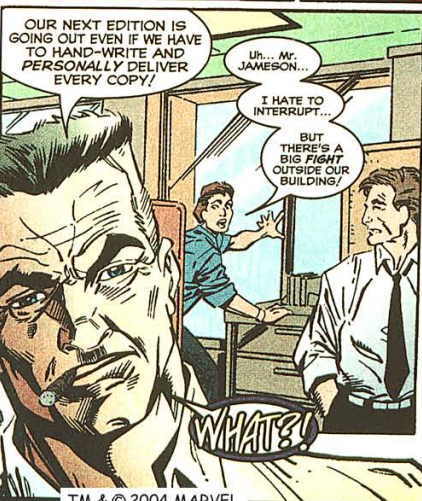
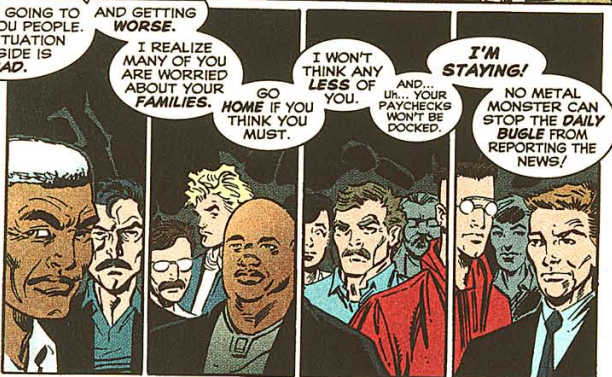
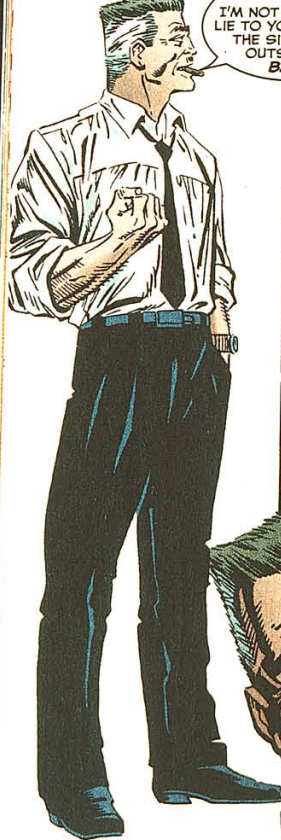
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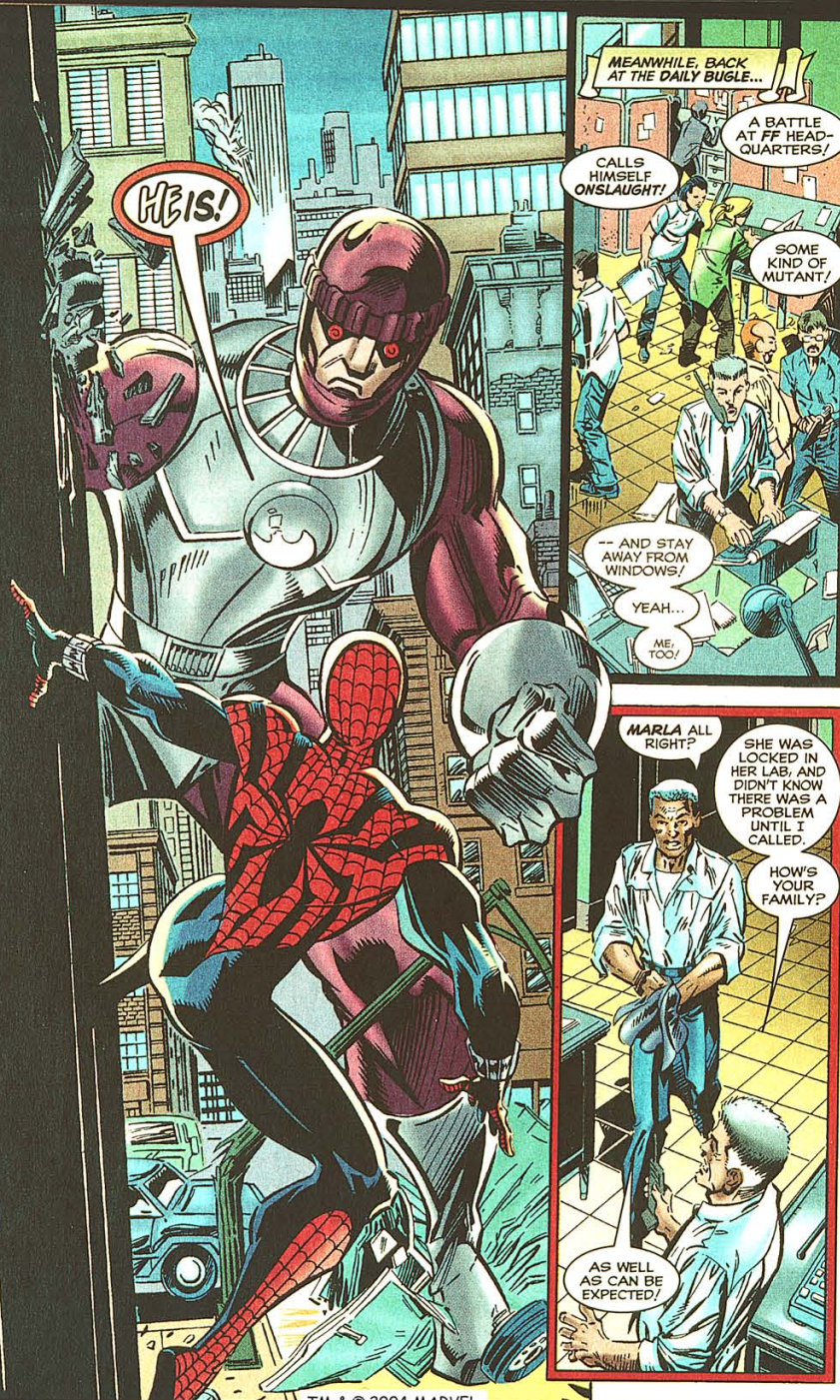




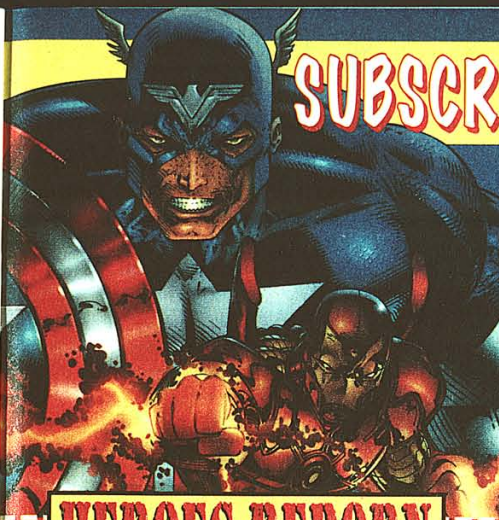








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LOOK AT HOW MY WORDS HAVE INSPIRED THEM, ROBBIE!

THESE PEOPLE WILL RISK THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR FEARLESS PUBLISHER!

IF YOU SAY SO.

COULD YOU USE A COUPLE OF FRESH PLAYERS, COACH?

PETER! I THOUGHT YOU HAD ANOTHER WEEK OF SICK LEAVE!

SO DID I... BUT... WELL... SENTINELS HAPPEN!

LOOK, MARY JANE, I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT ME GOING BACK OUTSIDE --

YOU DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN, TIGER.

I UNDERSTAND. I REALLY DO.

IS THERE A SPARE CAMERA ON THE PREMISES?

AND AN EXTRA DESK?

MY TYPING'S A LITTLE RUSTY, BUT I CAN ALWAYS PROOFREAD!

RIGHT THIS WAY, YOUNG LADY! WE CAN CERTAINLY USE THE HELP!

I'LL SEE YOU LATER, MARY JANE.

I HOPE!

UPTOWN...

NYAH NYAH!  
YOU FRUSTRATED YET? READY TO CALL IT QUIT?  
YOU CAN'T HIT ME!

THIS UNIT HAS CALIBRATED QUARRY'S RESPONSE TIME TO CURRENT OFFENSIVE MODE --

-- AND WILL MAKE OPERATIVE ADJUSTMENTS.

IF THAT'S THE CASE --

-- I'D BETTER PUT THE KIBOSH ON YOU REAL SOON!

SPLATT

OPTICAL SENSORS OBSCURED BY UNKNOWN SUBSTANCE.

WHOOPS!

CLUMSY ME!

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO --

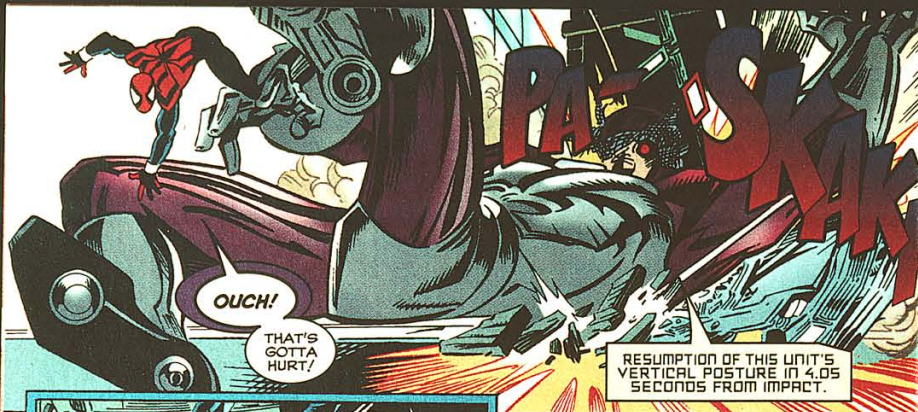
-- KNOCK IT OFF!

SPWUNK

I HIT YOU IN THE HEAD WITH MY IMPACT WEBBING!

I ASSUMED YOU KNEW I WASN'T REFERRING TO THE WEBBING!

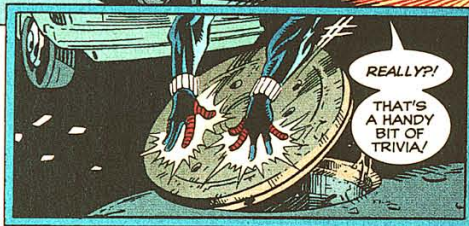




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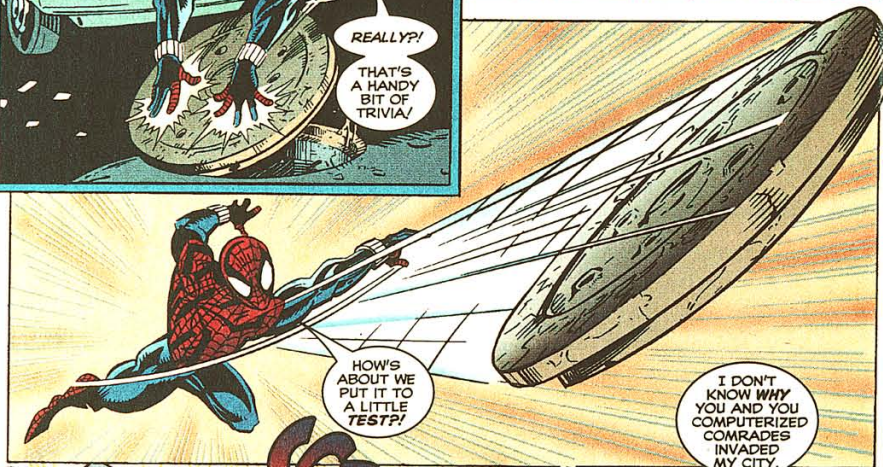
THAT'S GOTTA HURT!

RESUMPTION OF THIS UNIT'S VERTICAL POSTURE IN 4.05 SECONDS FROM IMPACT.



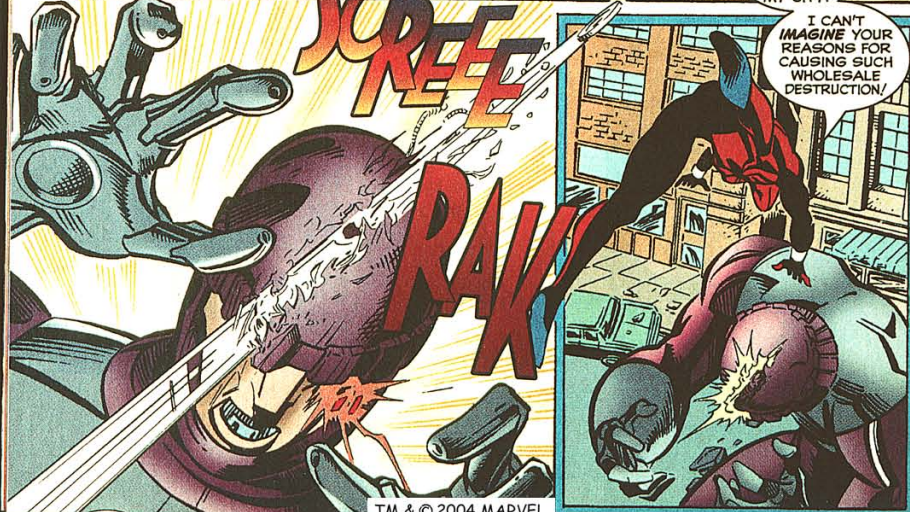
REALLY?!

THAT'S A HANDY BIT OF TRIVIA!



HOW'S ABOUT WE PUT IT TO A LITTLE TEST?!

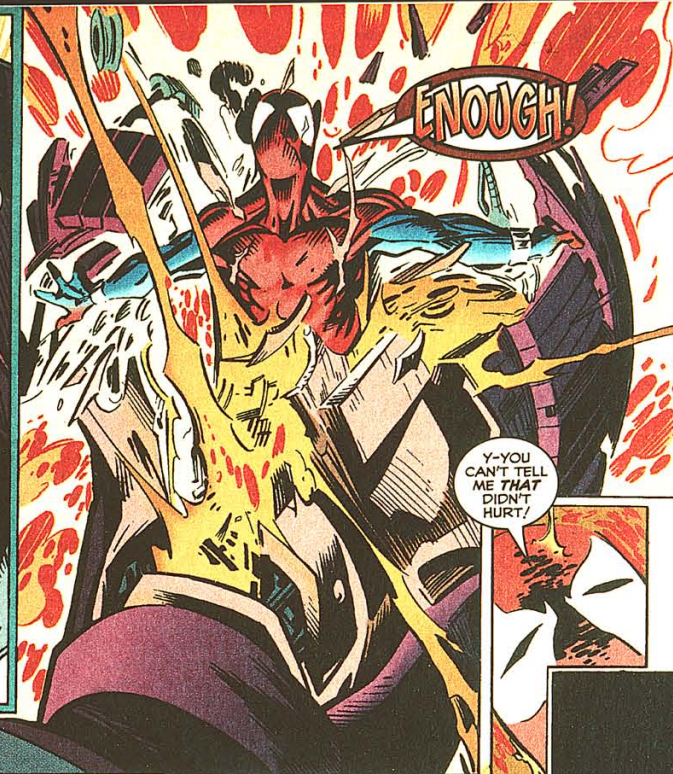
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU AND YOU COMPUTERIZED COMRADES INVADDED MY CITY.



I CAN'T IMAGINE YOUR REASONS FOR CAUSING SUCH WHOLESALE DESTRUCTION!



BUT I'VE HAD ENOUGH!



ENOUGH!

Y-YOU CAN'T TELL ME THAT DIDN'T HURT!



O-ONE DOWN...  
A FEW THOUSAND TO GO!



BUT I THINK I'M FINALLY GETTING THE HANG OF SENTINEL SMASHING!

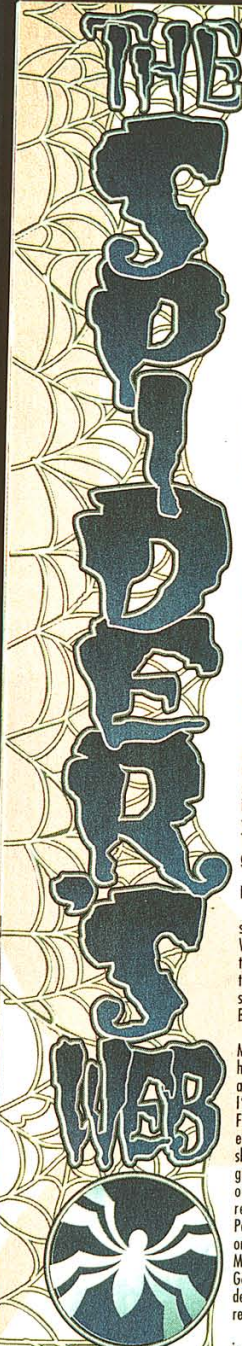
THE REST OF THOSE METAL-HEADED MEATBALLS HAD BETTER WATCH OUT!

SPIDER-MAN IS COMING --

-- AND I'M NOT TAKING PRISONERS!

THE  
ONSLAUGHT  
CONTINUES IN  
SPIDER-MAN #72  
NEXT MONTH  
AFTERMATH!





Dear Spider's Web,  
Regarding AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #411 — mon chapeau, mes amis! Once again, you've outdone yourselves! Where do I start?

Ben's life: what's going on? The whole story with his "identity" I think, is being caused by Seward Trainer through the coercion of his mysterious host. But with all of this, plus the catastrophe at the Daily Grind, what is Jessica tied in with? She was talking of revenge, but I'm pretty sure she wouldn't go this far!

And what I really wasn't ready for was that scene with Peter. It seems pretty evident that Cell-12 were sent by Multivex. But Peter! I've never seen him trounced like that! And poor Mary Jane!

Two requests. First, if possible, I'd like to see Ben Reilly team up with the X-Men in the core Spidey titles. Secondly, I was thrilled to see Peter and Mary Jane back in SPIDER-MAN #66. Please don't get rid of them.

Sammy Felender  
2266 East 26th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Sammy, as should be evident from recent issues, Peter and Mary Jane are not only back in New York for the duration, but are integral to the unfolding storyline in the Spider-titles... and when you see exactly where that storyline is going, you'll be dazed — and no longer confused!

As for teaming with the X-Men... well, we've got those mutant-hunting metal monstrosities the Sentinels in this issue... and Spidey teaming up with Gambit in SPIDER-MAN TEAM-UP in a few months... good enough for now?

Dear Spider's Web,  
I've enjoyed the Spider-Man titles since the whole clone story began. When other readers I know left the titles, I stuck with it because I knew the writers would use the story as a springboard to even better stories. Boy, am I glad I did!

Not only have you brought Spider-Man back to the wise-cracking super hero many of us love, but you've added so many twists and turns that I'm afraid for what happens next. First, you take away Peter's powers to ensure that Ben is the only web-slinger in town. Then you have Ben's girlfriend, who hates Spider-Man, find out his secret identity, perched to reveal it to the world. Now, Peter Parker is marked for death by someone who knew he had super powers. My guess is that it's the original Green Goblin, Norman Osborn. He faked his death and now has returned to exact revenge on Spider-Man.

The main reason I wrote this letter is the cameo appearances that Mark

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**RALPH MACCHIO** **MARK BERNARDO**  
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Bagley placed in AMAZING #411. On page 9, isn't that Detectives Sipowicz and Simone from NYPD Blue? Is Mark Bagley a fan of the show?

Finally, blowing up the Daily Grind at the end actually caught me by surprise! Are you guys deliberately taking away everything laid down as the foundation of Ben's life? Of course you are. That's why I'll keep reading. You never know what's going to happen next!

Kris Riley  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

You're right, we don't! We sure fake it well, though, don't we? But seriously, Kris, the identity of Gaunt's mysterious employer is due to be answered sooner than you think... but Norman? Norman's pretty decisively dead. At least last time we checked!

As for the detectives, we're afraid our legal department won't let us confirm or deny... but you've got a sharp eye there!

Dear Spider's Web,  
Every month I forget. Then I'm reminded again: wow, is Mark Bagley the best Spider-Man artist out there today? Yep! That first panel on page 22 of AMAZING #411 was worth my \$1.50 alone.

You are producing a very slick book here. I think that Marvel's \$1.50 books like this one, CAPTAIN AMERICA, and IRON MAN all look better than the higher priced, glossy X-titles.

I'm really happy that Peter and MJ are back. Although I think Ben makes a great hero, Spider-Man isn't the same without MJ, JJJ, and everything else we've grown to love. For the most part, I'm enjoying the new stories, but I have a couple of complaints...

Please leave Seward Trainer alone. Let him move to Montana and do some research — alone. I feel that he offers nothing to the book except being someone for Ben to rescue.

Another point — can we please see more of Spidey's old enemies? In this time of Spider-change after Spider-change, I'd like to see some stability in the bad guys.

Finally, I just want to say that I thought it was a nice twist to see someone find out Spidey's identity. Could Ben be a little rusty and careless? Good touch.

Tim Gossett  
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St. Louis, MO 63116

You can relax, Tim. MJ, JJJ, and the rest of the supporting cast are back! Now the question is just how they're all going to react to

the new Parker "cousin" in town. As for Dr. Trainer, he still has something very important to offer Ben and Peter... and you'll find out what it is in a few short months!

And if it's the classic villains you want to see, you should love the "back to basics" Lizard storyline currently unfolding in SPECTACULAR!

Dear Spider's Web,  
I would like to comment on the superb job done on AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #411. The art was some of Mark Bagley's best. An awesome inking and coloring job made the art stand out even more. The story had plenty of action to offer, too! Peter certainly took a beating by those strange (but cool-looking) mercenaries! I suppose if he had his powers it would have been a different story, though.

Before I go, I want to ask some questions. Who do those mercenaries who trashed Peter work for? Who is that weird-looking guy in Dr. Trainer's lab with the respirator, and will he play a role in the upcoming storyline? Are you ever going to bring the Jackal back? Even though he wasn't around for long, he was my favorite villain.

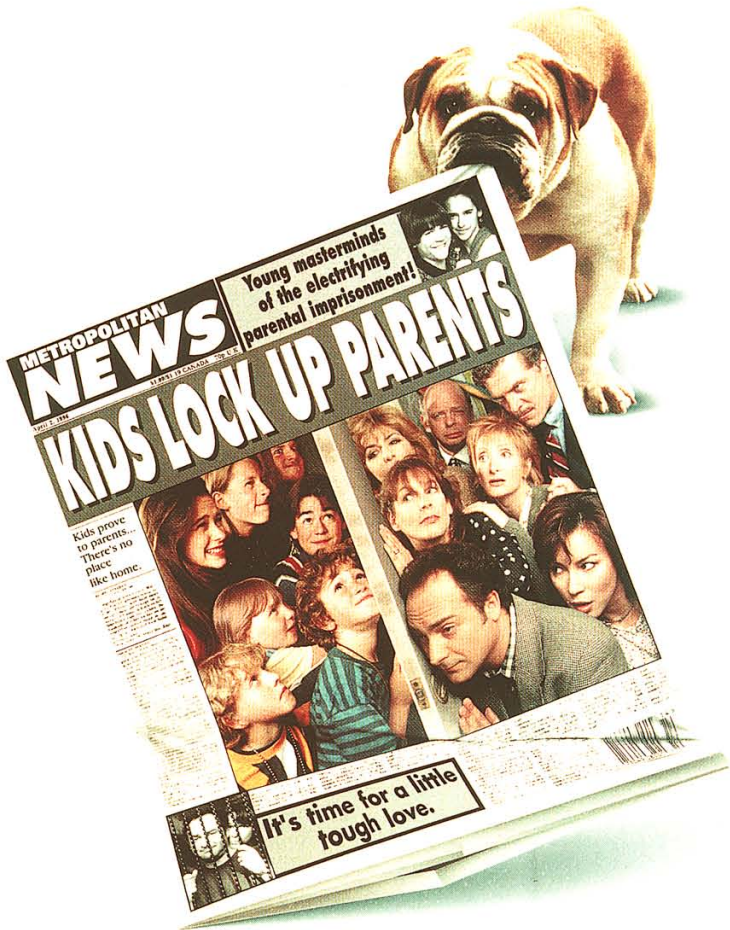
One more thing. Please don't turn Mary Jane's baby into some mutant super-powered kid! That's all I have to say for now, but keep up the good work, and until Spider-Man is no more, Make Mine Marvel!

Chris Borman  
1425 W. Willow Street  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

The Jackal's dead, Chris! Deal with it! Jeez, what's with all the resurrection requests this month? You'd think comics characters had a tendency to come back from the dead, or something...

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